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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Brandenburg-Industriehafen airfield between 5 and 28 July 1954:

5 July. There was night flying activity by individual Il-10s until after midnight.

7 July. During the afternoon, there was intensive air activity by Il-10s which made individual flights and low-level attacks.

20 July. During the morning, individual flights were made by up to 3 Po-2s. The sky was overcast and intermittently cleared up. About 1900, Il-10s took off, assembled in a circle, individually and consecutively made low-level attacks on Briest airfield, and finally landed individually at Briest. After 2100, individual flights were made by Po-2s of which 4 were simultaneously observed aloft. During the air activity, 2 searchlights located in the vicinity of the field were in operation.

21 July. Between 1000 and 1350, individual flights and low-level attacks were made. The sky was overcast with intermittent rain showers. At 1500, 36 Il-10s with red propeller hubs and red upper edges on their rudder assemblies were counted from the southern edge of the field.

22 July. About 1100, 8 Il-10s took off in rapid succession, assembled in formation and headed south. The landings of the aircraft were not observed. Shortly before, 6 Il-10s had taken off, assembled in a circle over Briest, individually made 5 or 6 low-level attacks, and subsequently landed in Briest. At 1430, about 15 Il-10s were counted

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at the field. Eight of them took off about 1440 and 6 more at about 1500. The aircraft assembled in formation and headed south. Subsequently, only 3 Il-10s were observed on the dispersal areas at the field.

26 July. Between 0300 and 0915, individual flights were made by Po-2s. The weather was rainy.

27 July. About 1100, 6 Il-10s took off, circled over Briest, made low-level attacks and subsequently landed at Briest. The same procedure was conducted by 6 Il-10s which took off at 1900.

28 July. After 0700, there was intensive air activity by individual Il-10s which again made intermediate landings at Briest airfield. Short before 1500, 40 Il-10s with the usual red markings were counted at Brandenburg-Industrieafen airfield.¹

2. On 23 July, a PKV-45 station the 4 masts of which were 6 to 8 meters high was observed about 150 meters west of the Brandenburg-Brielow road, in line with the Butterlake farm. About 50 to 100 meters farther west was a truck and next to it a single mast 10 to 12 meters high. A local resident said that the radio installation was operated by 1 officer and 6 men.²
3. During July, the Infanterie Kaserne in Brandenburg was occupied by air force personnel. No Soviet Army troops were observed except for 1 army officer with crimson collar patches who entered the barracks installation. Observations after nightfall indicated that the western wing of building 1 was fully occupied, while the eastern wing was partially occupied. Since about 20 July, the air force sentry has been posted at the gate opposite the entrance to the Artillerie Kaserne. Since that same date the sentry opposite the end of Fouquet Strasse has no longer been observed, but a guard opened the gate there on request.

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4. During July, the Infanterie Kaserne in Brandenburg was still occupied by an air force unit of 100 to 150 men. Most of these soldiers were apparently connected with the Brandenburg-Industrieafen airfield. Since early July, construction material, in particular bricks, has begin to arrive at the field.

5. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field between 6 and 27 July:

6 July. During the morning, individual flights were made by Il-10s and Po-2s. During the late afternoon, the same air activity was conducted by Il-10s.

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7 July. Between 1000 and 1200, Il-10s flew in elements of two and made low-level attacks at targets on Industriehafen airfield. Between 1500 and 1700, individual flights were made by Il-10s and Po-2s. At 2000, 31 Il-10s were counted on the usual dispersal areas.

8 July. Between 0800 and 1000, there was individual flying by Po-2s. The weather was rainy.

9 July. Between 1000 and 1200, up to 4 Il-10s were simultaneously aloft conducting local flights. Between 1400 and 1700, individual flights were made by Il-10s and Po-2s.

13 July. Between 1500 and 1700, Po-2s were observed aloft. It began to rain after 1400.

14 July. During the morning, individual flights were made by Il-10s and Po-2s. Four Po-2s practiced individual flying between 1400 and 1500.

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15 July. During the morning, individual flights were made by Il-10s. About 1200, 9 Il-10s took off, assembled in formation, and circled several times over the field. The aircraft landed in flights. The same procedure was repeated once again.

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The aircraft had not returned to the field as of 1300. Individual flights were made by Il-10s during the late afternoon and evening flying was started by Po-2s at 2100.

20 July. During the morning, an Il-10 and a Po-2 were observed aloft. Between 1800 and 2000, up to 6 Il-10s were simultaneously in the air and made low-level attacks at Briest airfield.

21 July. Between 1000 and 1100, individual flights and low-level attacks at Industriehafen airfield were made by up to 5 Il-10s. Between 1800 and 1900, individual flying was practiced by Il-10s.

22 July. About 1200, 10 Il-10s individually took off in rapid succession and assembled in a close-order formation. After some time, the formation dispersed, formed a large circle and individually made low-level attacks on Briest airfield. The landings were made about 1230. Shortly after midday, 3 Il-10s, including 1 towing a sleeve target, were observed aloft. After 1500, flights in elements of two were observed. At 1900, 4 Il-10s circled over the town.

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About 2000, 13 Il-10s approached for landing at Industriehafen airfield.

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23 July. At noon, 31 Il-10s were counted at the field.

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26 July. Between 0900 and 1100 and between 1700 and 1900, individual flights were made by Il-10s. After 2100, night flying was conducted.

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
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27 July. Between 0800 and 0900, low-level attacks were made on Briest airfield. Between 1400 and 1500, low-level attacks were conducted at Industriehafen airfield. After 2100, there was night flying activity by Il-10s.¹

1.  Comment. The ground attack regiment at Brandenburg-Industriehafen airfield is still conducting intensive practice flights and made repeated landings at the neighbouring Brandenburg-Briest airfield.

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2.  Comment. The PKV-45 DF station had been reported from the northeastern edge of the field a long time ago. It has fairly definitely been established that the station was transferred in the meantime.

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It is still assumed, however, that the unit consists of the personnel from the ordnance depot of the ground attack regiment, formerly stationed in the artillery equipment park in Dosberitz.

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